

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION

SHARON ABELMAN,

Plaintiff,

V.

ANDREW SAUL,
Commissioner of Social Security,

Defendant.

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No. 4:20 CV 249 RWS

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter is before me on plaintiff's motion for attorney's fees pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412, in the amount of \$7,732.25. After discussions, defendant and plaintiff's counsel have agreed to an award of fees in the amount \$6,500.00. (Doc. # 20).


On December 30, 2020, I reversed the decision of the Commissioner and remanded the case to the Commissioner under sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) for further consideration. Because plaintiff prevailed and is not otherwise precluded from recovering attorney's fees, I find plaintiff is entitled to an award in the agreed-upon amount.

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiff's motion for attorney's fees [19]
is granted as follows: plaintiff shall recover attorney's fees from the Social

Security Administration in the amount of \$6,500.00.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, under the terms of the Assignment of Fee Agreement executed by the plaintiff in this case (Doc. #19-2), the award shall be made payable to attorney Michael Ferry unless plaintiff has a pre-existing debt owed to the United States, in which case the award shall be made payable to the plaintiff and subject to offset to satisfy that debt. The payment of any remaining fees to plaintiff shall be mailed to plaintiff's counsel at P.O. Box 511011, St. Louis, MO 63151, so that plaintiff may sign the payment over to Michael Ferry for the attorney fees.



RODNEY W. SIPPEL
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated this 2nd day of April, 2021.